

the several requisites directed by the existing laws in relation to ferries, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every offence, and moreover shall be subject to all and singular the like penalties as are imposed upon licensed ferrymen for neglect of duty.

Court, in certain cases, may issue a warrant, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if the proprietor or proprietors of the land at any place now used as a public ferry, or where a public ferry may hereafter be established or set up according to the provisions of this act, shall refuse or neglect for the space of two months to take out a license agreeably to this act, or to rent the houses and land commonly used with, or necessary for, such ferry, to some person to be approved of by the said court, who will take out a license for the same, or be under any disability to take out a license, or to rent as aforesaid, by reason whereof the same shall be delayed to be done, to the inconvenience of the public, for the space of three months beyond the annual time for granting such ferry licenses, in such case the county court of the county in which such land shall lie, shall issue their warrant to the sheriff of their county, to summon twelve respectable disinterested persons, qualified by law to be jurymen, and also the surveyor of the county, to meet on the premises, on a day by him to be appointed, of which due and timely notice shall be given by the said sheriff to the owner or owners, possessor or possessors, of such land; and the said jury shall then and there, upon viewing the place, determine how much land, not exceeding two acres, and not including the dwelling-house, garden, orchard or meadow, of the owner or possessor, or any part thereof, shall be necessary and most convenient to be laid off for the use of such ferry, and the said surveyor, under their direction, shall survey and lay off the same, and make a correct plot and certificate thereof, and shall deliver the same to the said sheriff, to be returned to the said county court; and the said jury shall then and there estimate the value of the said land, in doing which they shall take into consideration all the advantages of its situation for the purposes of keeping a ferry, or pursuing any other business, having first taken an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, justly and impartially to value the said land; and they shall make an inquest of their proceedings as aforesaid, under their hands and seals, which shall be returned by the said sheriff, with the certificate and plot, aforesaid, to the next county court; and if the proprietor of the said land shall think himself aggrieved by the quantity of land laid off, or by the manner of laying off the same, or by the valuation thereof by the said jury, it shall and may be lawful for him or her to apply to the said county court, at any time before the end of the next court to that at which the inquest aforesaid shall be returned, who may, in a summary